REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Proposed changes to Fig. 7 and 8 are attached, in response to Section 2 of the office action.

The title has been amended in light of Section 1 (ii) of the office action.

An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 are attached in view of Section 1(i) of the office action.

Accordingly, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the under signed at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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